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SUBJECT: SCHLOSSBERG VS. SAID

REF (A) SZATE 99359, (B) STATE 108358

1. COMMERCIAL ATTACHE AND TOP LOCAL EMPLOYEE
VISITED SAID RECENTLY AND GOT ORAL COMMITMENT
FROM HIM TO PAY RETURN FREIGHT FOR GOODS.

2. ALSO VISITED BARBER LINES OFFICE, WHICH UNDERGOING
REORGANIZATION, AND OFFICIALLY REQUESTED THAT GOODS
BE RETRIEVED AND HELD TO PREVENT CONFISCATION BY
AUTHORITIES. MR. ISMAIL FOR BARBER LINES ASSURED THAT
HE COULD GET GOODS BUT WE HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO
ASCERTAIN THIS YET.

3. FYI. NO DOCUMENTATION YET RECEIVED FROM USDOC
OR SCHLOSSBERG. SCHLOSSBERG'S INSTRUCTION TO BARBER
LINES THAT GOODS NOT BE SURRENDERED TO SAID NEVER
RESCINDED. IF GOODS CAN BE SAVED, WE SUGGEST SCHLOSSBERG
ORDER LLOYD'S SURVEY FROM LOCAL SHIPPING AGENT AND
WE WILL ATTEMPT DISTRESS SALE AT SURVEY VALUE.
SURVEY COST ABOUT \$20 ACCORDING TO ISMAIL.

4. SAID PROVIDED SOME COPIES OF DOCUMENTS AND LIST
OF ITEMS PLUS THREE TELEGRAMS FROM SCHLOSSBERG
REQUESTING LETTER OF CREDIT EXTENSION AND PRICE
INCREASE, ALL AGREED TO BY SAID. WHEN TIME PERMITS
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AND COMPLETE DETAILS THIS TRANSACTION OBTAINED,

POST WILL REPORT FULLY.

5. EMBASSY HAS NEVER GIVEN ASSURANCE THAT OUR GOOD
OFFICES WOULD RESOLVE EVERY BUSINESS DISPUTE AND
WE CANNOT UNDERSTAND RATIONALE ABOUT "SUING THE
GOVERNMENT". ANY SUCH SUIT COULD JEOPARDIZE OUR
TOTAL EFFORTS THIS REGARD.
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